IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

8:21-CR-264

VS.

ALFREDO ESCOBAR,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND DENYING MOTION TO REDUCE SENTENCE

This matter is before the Court on the *pro se* Motion to Reduce Sentence filed by Alfredo Escobar, Filing 53, and the Motion to Withdraw filed by Federal Public Defender, Mr. David R. Stickman. Filing 54. After the Defendant filed his Motion to Reduce Sentence, the Office of the Federal Public Defender was appointed to represent him pursuant to General Order No. 2023-09. Filing 52. The purpose of this appointment was to determine whether the Defendant qualified "for relief pursuant to either the 2023 U.S. Sentencing Guidelines amendments of U.S.S.G. § 1B1.13 or U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10 providing for the retroactive application of Amendment 821[.]" Filing 52 at 1. Mr. Stickman has moved to withdraw as counsel because "the Defendant was not assessed any 'status criminal history points' in the Presentence Investigation Report and therefore no sentence reduction on this basis is allowed." Filing 54 at 1. The United States Probation Office also submitted a worksheet in this case which states that the Defendant is not entitled to a reduction. Filing 55 at 1.

The Court has conducted its own review of the Defendant's *pro se* Motion along with other relevant matters in the record. The Court concludes that the Defendant is not entitled to the sentencing relief he seeks. His *pro se* Motion is without merit and will be denied. The Court likewise concludes that Mr. Stickman's Motion to Withdraw should be granted for the reasons he set forth in his Motion. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Federal Public Defender David R. Stickman's Motion to Withdraw, <u>Filing 54</u>, is granted; and
- 2. Alfredo Escobar's pro se Motion to Reduce Sentence, Filing 53, is denied.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

Brian C. Buescher

United States District Judge